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To: Vermont Superintendents of Schools

From: Cathy M. Hilgendorf, School Construction Coordinator

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Re: School Custodians Conference – June 25 and 26

In coordination with the Department of Education, the Vermont School Custodians and Maintenance Association (VSCMA) is preparing to host its 52nd annual School Plant Operations and Maintenance Conference. Every year we offer workshops, vendor displays, and speakers of interest to the valuable professionals charged with caring for school facilities and grounds.

Again this year the conference will be held at Hartford High School, which has generously hosted us for many years. \$20 per person includes the registration fee and lunches for two full days of general sessions and workshops. A number of vendors will display janitorial supplies and equipment for schools. Workshop topics will include facility operating plans, air quality, custodian best practices, green products, floor care, time management, and more. Lawrence Schoff, US Department of Energy, Energy Smart Schools, is our keynote speaker. Mr. Schoff will instruct attendees on how to conduct a simple school energy audit and will demonstrate operational changes that will save electricity.

Custodians, principals, business managers, and facility committee members are all welcome. Hold the dates: **JUNE 25 and 26, 2009.**

This year, we are particularly pleased to honor the worthy individuals chosen as our first School Custodians of the Year. On Thursday, June 25th, Jim Garrow, Woody LaMountain, and Roni St. Armour will be recognized for their exemplary service.

The Department of Education continues to support this statewide program of training for school custodians and maintenance workers. I hope you will support this quality professional development activity for your staff, and pass this information along to school boards and principals.

So, please ask your staff to reserve June 25th and 25th. **Brochures and registration information will be sent to all superintendents and principals in April.**

If you have any questions, please call me at the department at 828-5402 or email the president of the VSCMA, Lyall Smith, at lsmith@mtsd-vt.org.